

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for use in a computer system that effects secure access to a store comprising:

receiving a request to access a data store from a process initiated by a requester on a remote server;

providing said store with an exclusive user id;

initiating a second process responsive to [[a]] said store access request, said second process being accessible by said first process but inaccessible to the requester;

changing a context of ~~the~~ said second process to the user id of said store;

communicating between said second process and said store via private communications channels; and

said first process obtaining data responsive to said store access request.

2. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising: sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process.

3. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising: logging said store access request.

4. (original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process further comprises never sending the data to the requestor.

5. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said computer system employs the UNIX operating system and wherein said context changing comprises invoking the UNIX set user id facility.

6. (currently amended) A computer system comprising:

- a data store having an exclusive user id in the computer system;
- a system for providing secure access to said data store, said system being configured to receive a request for access to said data store from a process initiated by a requester on a remote server, and configured to initiate a second process responsive to said request for access to said data store, said second process being accessible by said first process but inaccessible to the requester, ~~to be~~ said second process being responsive to [[a]] said request for access to said data store by changing its user id to the exclusive user id, said first process obtaining data responsive to said request for access to said data store; and

private communications channels between said system and said data store for communicating and responding to requests for data.

7. (original) A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to provide data from said data store to a downstream process.

8. (original) A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to log requests for access to said data store.